AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-6 (Canceled)
- 7. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer implemented</u> method of customizing a dictionary used for speech recognition, comprising the steps of:

extracting user-specific vocabulary from a set of registered user profile information; and

generating a new customized sentence by inserting at least one word in said userspecific vocabulary into a slot of a sentence template and storing said customized sentence
into said dictionary, wherein said customized sentence stored in said dictionary is used for
recognizing speech inputted by said user by collating said user speech input with said
customized sentence.

- 8. (Previously Presented) A method of customizing a dictionary according to claim 7, wherein said set of registered user profile information is generated based on inputted answers to a questionnaire for said user.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A method of customizing a dictionary according to claim 7, wherein said sentence template includes slot definition information including a category of words that can be inserted in said slot, and said at least one word in said user-specific vocabulary is inserted in said slot according to said slot definition information.

10. (Previously Presented) A storage media readable by a computer for storing a customizing program for customizing a dictionary used for speech recognition, said customizing program enables the computer to perform the steps of:

extracting user-specific vocabulary from a set of registered user profile information; and

generating a new customized sentence by inserting at least one word in said userspecific vocabulary in a slot of a sentence template and storing said customized sentence into
said dictionary, wherein said customized sentence stored in said dictionary is used for
recognizing speech inputted by said user by collating said user speech input with said
customized sentence.